

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1.(original) An electroluminescent device equipped with a substrate (1), a metallic structure (5) and a layer assembly comprising at least a first electrode (2), an electroluminescent layer (3) and a second electrode (4), wherein the metallic structure (5) is in electrical contact with the first electrode (2), and the layer resistance of the metallic structure (5) is lower than the layer resistance of the first electrode (2).

- 2.(original) An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the metallic structure (5) is incorporated into the substrate (1).

- 3.(currently amended) An electroluminescent device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1- or 2~~, characterized in that the layer thickness of the metallic structure (5) is greater than the layer thickness of the first electrode (2).

- 4.(currently amended) An electroluminescent device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-to-3~~, characterized in that the metallic structure (5) covers up to 10% of the surface of the substrate.

- 5.(currently amended) An electroluminescent device as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1-to-4~~, characterized in that the metallic structure (5) exhibits a structure selected from the group of strips, grids, wavy lines, zigzag lines and sawtooth lines.